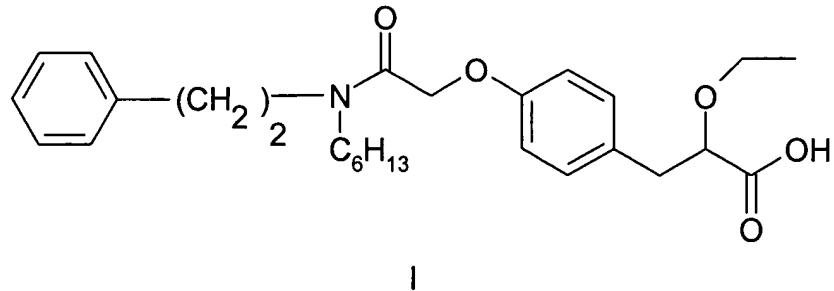


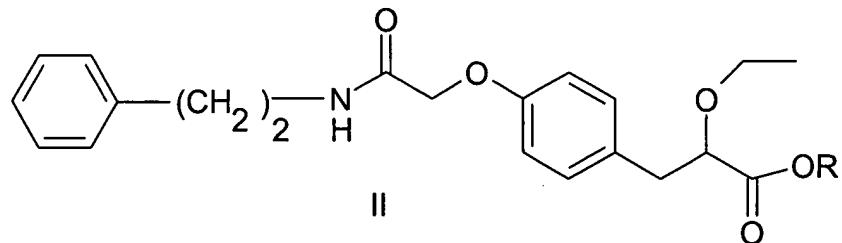
**PROCESSES FOR PREPARING (2S)-3-(4-{2-[AMINO]-2-OXOETHOXY}PHENYL)-2-ETHOXYPROPANOIC ACID DERIVATIVES**

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a process for the preparation of a compound of formula I



in which a compound of formula II



in which R is H or OR represents a protecting group for a carboxylic hydroxy group is reacted with a compound of formula III



wherein X is a leaving group, in the presence of a base in the presence of an inert solvent at a temperature in the range -25°C to 150°C and optionally, when OR represents a protecting group, removal of the protecting group.